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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII - WEST OAHU TO RE-ESTABLISH  
A PRE-NURSING PATHWAY OR CREATE A PERMANENT NURSING PROGRAM  
FOR STUDENTS.

1           WHEREAS, in the fall of 2015, the University of Hawaii -  
2 West Oahu partnered with the University of Hawaii at Hilo to  
3 launch the Ike Maui Ola program, an innovative new pathway for  
4 students interested in pursuing a career in nursing; and  
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6           WHEREAS, under this partnership, interested students could  
7 take pre-requisite nursing courses that are required for  
8 application to accredited nursing programs in the State; and  
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10          WHEREAS, upon completion of the pre-nursing coursework,  
11 University of Hawaii - West Oahu students could then apply to  
12 the University of Hawaii at Hilo campus' Bachelor of Science in  
13 Nursing degree program; and  
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15          WHEREAS, upon acceptance to the bachelor's degree program,  
16 West Oahu students had the opportunity to take University of  
17 Hawaii at Hilo nursing courses delivered from the West Oahu  
18 campus in Kapolei and participate in hands-on classroom lab  
19 activities via the West Oahu campus' Nursing Simulation  
20 Laboratory; and  
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22          WHEREAS, the Ike Maui Ola program was canceled in 2017,  
23 resulting in a lost pathway for nursing school candidates who  
24 live in central and west Oahu; and  
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26          WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic  
27 has highlighted the State's significant nursing shortage; and  
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29          WHEREAS, had the University of Hawaii - West Oahu  
30 maintained its partnership with the University of Hawaii at



1 Hilo, more nurses would have likely been available during the  
2 onset of the COVID-19 pandemic; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the  
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of  
7 Hawaii - West Oahu is requested to partner with the University  
8 of Hawaii at Hilo or University of Hawaii at Manoa to provide a  
9 nursing program similar to the Ike Maui Ola program; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii - West  
12 Oahu is requested to independently establish or seek  
13 partnerships for the establishment of a permanent nursing  
14 program; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
18 University of Hawaii System, Provost of the University of Hawaii  
19 at Manoa, Chancellor of the University of Hawaii - West Oahu,  
20 and Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

